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**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**FISH AND GAME COMMISSION**  
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**MINUTES**

Thursday, January 8, 2009 Meeting  
6:00 p.m.

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Room 374-A

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

John Hybarger, Chairperson  
Timothy Jones, Vice-Chair  
Sandra Aronberg  
Greg Bombard  
Brad Nuremberg

**STAFF PRESENT**

Janice A. Davis

**INVITED GUESTS**

Larry Adar, Department of Fish and Game, Senior Volunteer Program  
Kim Bosell, Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation  
Joe Damico, Torrance Police Animal Control  
Betty Jacobson, Department of Fish and Game, Senior Volunteer Program  
Kent Smirl, Department of Fish and Game  
Judy Taninies, Torrance Police Animal Control  
Brian Young, Department of Fish and Game

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Hybarger called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2, 2008 MINUTES**

**On motion of Vice-Chair Jones, seconded by Commissioner Aronberg, the Commission unanimously approved the October 2, 2008 minutes as presented.**

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS: COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON**

As required by the Commission Ordinance, the annual nominations and elections for the positions of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson were called for by the commission membership. Vice- Chairperson Jones nominated Commissioner John Hybarger, as seconded by Commissioner Aronberg for the position of Chairperson. There being no further nominations the call for the position of Chairperson was closed.

**On motion of Vice-Chairperson Jones, seconded by Commissioner Aronberg, and unanimously carried, Commissioner John Hybarger was elected Chairperson for 2009.**

The call for nominations for Vice-Chairperson was opened by Commissioner Aronberg who nominated Commissioner Timothy Jones, as seconded by Commissioner Bombard. There being no further nominations, the call for the position of Vice-Chairperson was closed.

**On motion of Commissioner Aronberg, seconded by Commissioner Bombard, and unanimously carried, Commissioner Jones was elected Vice-Chairperson for 2009.**

### **STAFF REPORT**

There was none.

### **REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORT**

Staff reported that the Fish and Game Commission fund balance is \$103,410.07 with one approved grant deduction of \$2000.00 for the High Desert Discovery Loop Web and Brochure Development and Restoration Project.

**On motion of Commissioner Aronberg, seconded by Vice-Chair Jones, the Commission unanimously received and filed the financial report.**

### **BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FOR GRANT REQUESTS FOR ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS FOR "FISHING EVENTS" FOR 2009**

Grant requests were received from the following District:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> District – Public education, fish and wildlife conservation and nature education facilities (Requested amount = \$25,000)
- 4<sup>th</sup> District - 6/13/09 - Knabe Katch at Cerritos (Requested amount = \$2,500)
- 4<sup>th</sup> District - 9/29/09 - Knabe Katch at La Mirada (Requested amount = \$2,500)

**On motion of Vice-Chair Jones, and seconded by Commissioner Bombard, the Commission unanimously approved the funding for the 4<sup>th</sup> District grant requests for \$5,000 and deferred the 2<sup>nd</sup> District grant request for \$25,000 to the April 9, 2009 meeting.**

**PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 SUBMITTED BY MR. RON BEASON, REPRESENTING U.S. SPORTSMEN'S ALLIANCE FOUNDATION, PERTAINING TO FUNDING FOR THE "TRAILBLAZER ADVENTURE PROGRAM" TO INTRODUCE NONTRADITIONAL FAMILIES TO AMERICA'S OUTDOOR HERITAGE**

**On motion of Vice-Chair Jones, seconded by Commissioner Aronberg, the Commission unanimously approved postponing the grant decision to a future meeting.**

Commissioner Nuremberg joined the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

**PRESENTATION BY LIEUTENANT KENT SMIRL ON THE POTENTIAL FOR A DFG SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

Lieutenant Smirl, State Department of Fish and Game, introduced Larry Adar and Betty Jacobson DFG Senior Volunteers, and gave the following report:

- The mission of the Department of Fish and Game, Senior Volunteer Program (SVP) is to provide conservation and enforcement education in public service, through community outreach, lands monitoring, habitat and pollution awareness, wildlife welfare, and DFG administrative assistance.
- The program was launched in San Diego in 2002 with the vision of expanding it statewide. The program expanded to Orange County and Riverside having five academies with 91 volunteers.
- The volunteers are required to attend an eighty (80) hour academic training followed by a six (6) month field training and probationary program.
- The objective for Los Angeles County is the creation of three (3) offices in South, Central and North Counties and to recruit fifty (50) volunteers. The areas that need volunteers are urban lakes, animal nuisance, wildlife and education.
- The hiring process for the Senior Volunteer Program is an interview, and a background check with the Department of Justice. The volunteers are asked to encumber the cost of their uniform.

**KIM BOSELL, REGIONAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT, TO PRESENT ON BEAR MANAGEMENT AND HUMAN ENCOUNTERS WITHIN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY FOOTHILL CITIES**

Ms. Kim Bosell, Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation, gave the following report:

- Ms. Bosell began her care as a volunteer with the Department of Fish and Game studying the "Plight of the Urban Trash Bear. Humans have taught the bear's bad habits by feeding them. Monrovia, California has the highest "Urban Trash Bear", population.

- The policy of the Department of Fish and Game is to not relocate the bears because they have a great sense of direction and will return to their original location in a short period of time. Avoidance techniques and public education are the focus of efforts to reduce conflict with humans. In Southern California bears do not hibernate because the food supply is abundant.
- The city of Monrovia passed an Ordinance prohibiting the feeding of wildlife, the fine is minimal. California's wild animals are falling victim to unnecessary conflict and even death for a surprising reason increasing access to human food and garbage. The problem seems to get worse every year, as California's human population continues to grow and expand into wildlife habitat.
- The "Keep Me Wild" campaign was launched by the California Department of Fish and Game in 2003 to address the growing conflicts between black bears and people. Today the campaign provides tips for keeping bears away from your home, and advice on what to do if you encounter one of these wild animals.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE IN SACRAMENTO, CA ON FEBRUARY 4, 2009**

Invitations were distributed to the Commission inviting them to the "County Fish and Game Commissioners California Association Conference" on February 4, 2009, at the Sutter Club in Sacramento, California. Following discussion the commissioners agreed to fund travel expenses from the Fish and Game Propagation Fund.

Chair Hybarger and Vice Chair Jones will attend.

**On motion of Vice-Chair Jones, seconded by Commissioner Nuremberg, the Commission unanimously approved to fund travel expenses to the "County Fish and Game Commissioners California Association Conference" on February 4, 2009 at the Sutter Club in Sacramento, California from the Fish and Game Propagation Fund.**

**DISCUSSION OF "FISHING IN THE CITY" EVENTS BY BRIAN YOUNG, STATE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME**

Mr. Brian Young, Events Coordinator, State Department of Fish and Game, gave the following report:

- One third of the Department of Fish and Game Southern California "Fishing in the City" events are scheduled in Los Angeles County. Regular park events are currently being scheduled for 2009.
- The State Department of Fish and Game gave a presentation to San Miguel Elementary School in South Gate on the sport of fishing and outdoor recreation. The hope is to expand the program to schools within Los Angeles County.

- A pilot program with the Department of Parks & Recreation and volunteer staff at Whittier Narrows Regional Park is being discussed. This program would create a youth fishing club staffed by a volunteer group that would provide equipment, instruction, assistance, and services for special events.
- Los Angeles County waters may not continue to be stocked with trout because of a pending lawsuit involving the Department of Fish and Game. Major County urban lakes are not affected by the lawsuit and are still being stocked with trout.

### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Vice-Chair Jones gave the following report:

- An invitation was received from the Desert Tortoise Preserve Committee, Inc. to the "Thirty-Fourth Annual Banquet and General Meeting" to be held on January 24, 2009 at Antelope Valley Inn.
- The cleanup of trash littered throughout the three forks of the San Gabriel River is a continuous volunteer activity.
- "Deer Hunting Season" has officially closed.

Chair Hybarger gave the following report:

- Volunteers for the annual winter/spring "Bighorn Sheep Survey" are required to attend a mandatory orientation scheduled for Saturday, February 28, 2009, at Day Creek Intermediate School in Rancho Cucamonga. This public event is scheduled for March 1, 2009. The survey will be conducted at historic sighting locations within the San Gabriel and San Bernardino Mountains.
- Proposed "Deer Hunt" regulations are available on-line through February 5, 2009.
- The State Department of Fish and Game is recommending the removal of the Brown Pelican from the "Endangered Species List."

### **MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF A FUTURE MEETING)**

Marine Life Protection Act Presentation (MLPA)

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of Commissioner Nuremberg and seconded by Commissioner Aronberg, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Janice A. Davis*  
Commission Services Division